

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroshi TAIRA

Group Art Unit: 2853

Application No.: 10/665,546

Examiner: G. MRUK

Filed: September 22, 2003

Docket No.: 117247

For: INK-JET HEAD AND PRODUCING METHOD THEREOF

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Claims 1-12 are pending. In reply to the August 1, 2006 Office Action, the period for reply being extended by the attached Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection at least in light of the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-12 under §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 7,004,565 to Suzuki et al. ("Suzuki"). Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

The present application claims priority of JP 2002-278917, filed September 25, 2002. Applicants attach an accurate English translation of JP 2002-278917, thereby perfecting the priority of JP 2002-278917. The §102(e) prior art date of Suzuki is February 19, 2003, which is after the present application's priority filing date of September 25, 2002. Therefore, by perfecting priority of JP 2002-278917, Applicants have disqualified Suzuki as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

The §102(a) prior art date of Suzuki is August 21, 2003, which is also after the present application's priority filing date of September 25, 2002. Therefore, by perfecting priority of

JP 2002-278917, Applicants have disqualified Suzuki as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(a).

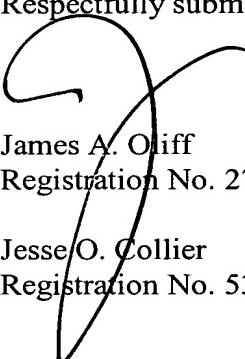
Suzuki does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

Because Suzuki is not prior art under §102, the rejection is improper. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Applicants earnestly solicit favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Attachments:

Petition for Extension of Time  
Translation of JP 2002-278917

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